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Having ridden motorcycles for over 30 years and traveling around the world, I have experience with lane filtering. In a nutshell, it simply works. Traffic congestion is relieved by keeping vehicles moving and rider safety is increased by allowing greater options to avoid being rear-ended. Multiple studies have concluded that lane filtering is a safer solution to the regulations currently in effect.

There are riders that do not wish to filter. These riders should not impose their preferences on the rest of the populace. Filtering should not be compulsory, but rather an safe option that is available to those that wish to exercise it.

There are drivers that do not wish motorcycles to have the option for lane filtering. They should also not be imposing their preference upon others. Drivers benefit from lane filtering due to motorcycles continued movement in traffic, thus relieving congestion. The UK, Sweden, and Belgium have had legal lane filtering for decades, and the data proves the nay-sayers wrong. Montana and Utah have embraced lane filtering and rear-end accidents involving motorcycles had been reduced.